

**SUMMARY AND PUBLIC NOTICE
NORTH DAKOTA STATE PLAN OF OPERATION
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FFY2006**

The North Dakota Department of Human Services is requesting public comments on the FFY2006 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Plan. A current draft of the Plan will be available for public inspection, or this summary will be provided upon request. An electronic version is available by contacting soaddr@state.nd.us. Comments must be submitted in writing by Friday, September 23, 2005 to:

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Higher energy prices and anticipated federal budget reductions have necessitated a change in income limits from 60% of the state median income to 135% of the federal poverty level.

Accordingly, the adjusted gross income of all members of an eligible household cannot exceed:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income</u>
1	\$12,920	7	\$39,326
2	\$17,321	8	\$43,727
3	\$21,722	9	\$48,128
4	\$26,123	10	\$52,529
5	\$30,524	11	\$56,930
6	\$34,925	12	\$61,331

Except for the income limits above, there are no substantive changes to the plan from FFY2005.

A public hearing on this proposed plan will be held in Conference Room B on the third floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol Building, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 1:00 P.M.